

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION  
CASE No. 7:14-cv-000185-BR

ANNJEANETTE GILLIS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

MURPHY-BROWN, LLC, d/b/a  
SMITHFIELD HOG PRODUCTION  
DIVISION,

Defendant.

Pending before the court is plaintiffs' motion in Limine regarding Evidence or Argument on Hiring an Attorney and Incorporated Brief (ECF No. 122). The plaintiffs raised the same motion in the cases of McKiver v. Murphy-Brown, LLC, Civil Matter No. 7:14-180-BR; McGowan v. Murphy-Brown, LLC, Civil Matter No. 7:14-182-BR; and Artis v. Murphy Brown, LLC, Civil Matter No. 7:14-237-BR.

In McKiver and McGowan, the court granted the plaintiffs' motion, with the caveat that "if during the trial defendant's counsel believed testimony on these issues would be appropriate and should not be excluded, i.e., fitting within the parameters of what the court suggested would be allowable, counsel could approach the bench and the court would hear argument." Similarly, in Artis, the court allowed plaintiffs' motion to

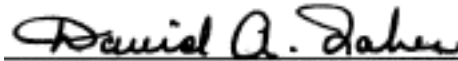
exclude evidence or argument on hiring an attorney; however, the caveat was not included in the court's order.

For the reasons stated in the above-mentioned cases, the motion is **GRANTED** with the caveat that defendant's counsel may request a bench conference at trial consistent with the court's prior ruling.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to all counsel of record.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 23rd of October, 2018.

**ENTER:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David A. Faber", is written over a horizontal line.

David A. Faber

Senior United States District Judge